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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 2-5 and 11-14 have been cancelled in order to place the subject application in condition for allowance - Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 3-5 and 11-14 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 3-5 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

II. Rejection of Claim 2 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph, for failing to limit the subject matter of its parent claim. This claim has been cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

III. Rejection of Claims 3-5 and 11-14 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 3-5 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramachandan *et al.* (U.S. 2001/0044747) in view of Norris (U.S. Patent 5,940,811). These claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

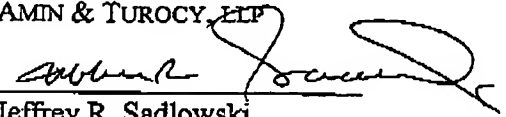
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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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